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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL OF HOME-GENERATED SHARPS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-576a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 [Not later than July 1, 2018, the] The Commissioner of Consumer
4 Protection, with the advice and assistance of the Commission of
5 Pharmacy, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
6 chapter 54, to allow not more than fifty retail locations during the first
7 year and not more than an additional fifty retail locations in each year
8 thereafter, at pharmacies licensed pursuant to chapter 400j, to (1) accept
9 and dispose of unused prescription drugs, and (2) on and after January
10 1, 2024, accept and dispose of home-generated sharps. Such regulations
11 shall: [(1)] (A) Comply with federal law regarding the acceptance and
12 disposal of unused prescription drugs and home-generated sharps at
13 pharmacies, [(2)] (B) establish a tracking and monitoring system and
14 security requirements for such drugs and sharps, and [(3)] (C) specify
15 locations within pharmacies where such drugs and sharps may be

16 accepted and stored. The commissioner, after consulting with the
17 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall establish
18 a process in such regulations to ensure the secure removal and
19 destruction of such unused prescription drugs and home-generated
20 sharps, including, but not limited to, allowing for optional prescription
21 drug disposal agreements with law enforcement authorities. As used in
22 this section, "home-generated sharps" means hypodermic needles, pen
23 needles, intravenous needles, lancets and other devices used by
24 individuals in the home to penetrate the skin for the delivery of
25 medications.

26 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "home-
27 generated sharps" means hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous
28 needles, lancets and other devices used by individuals in the home to
29 penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications.

30 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
31 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall
32 develop a plan for the establishment of a mail-back program through
33 which residents of the state may safely dispose of home-generated
34 sharps. Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Consumer
35 Protection shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
36 4a of the general statutes, regarding such plan and any
37 recommendations for legislative changes necessary to implement such
38 plan to the joint standing committees of the general assembly having
39 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection and the
40 environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-576a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure the safe disposal of home-generated sharps.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]